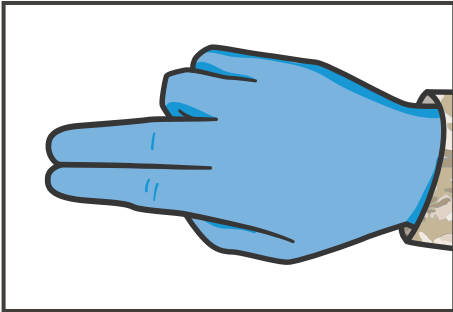


CAROTID PULSE ASSESSMENT

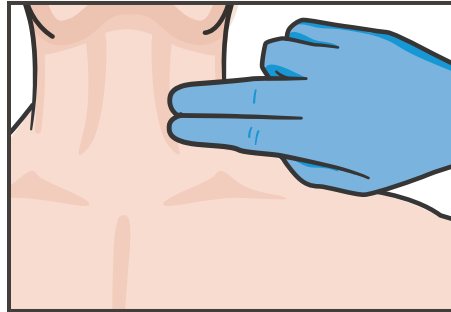


CONSIDER body substance isolation.

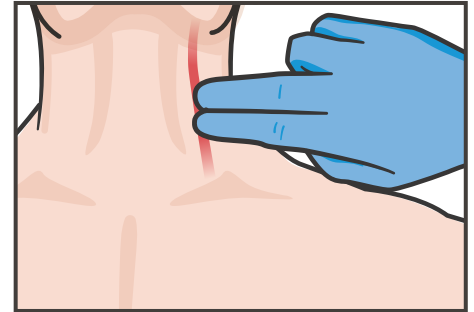
NOTE: If a Combat Lifesaver is available, direct them to assist.



01 **ALIGN** the middle and index fingers of your dominant hand.



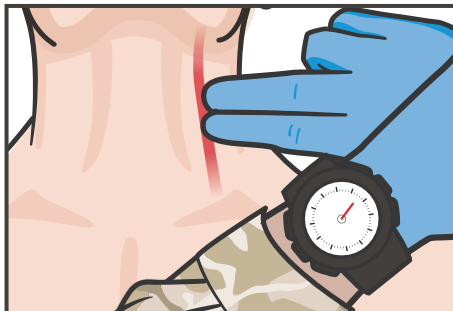
02 **PLACE** your middle and index finger on the side of the casualty's neck, to the side of the trachea, to find the carotid artery.



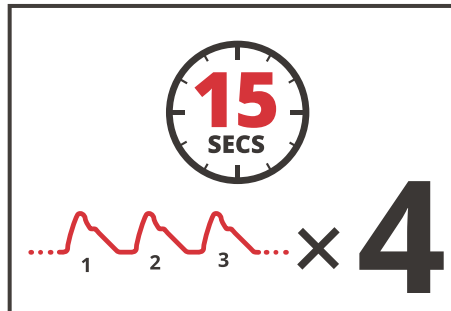
03 Press your fingers into the hollow space to feel the carotid artery beneath the skin.

STEP 3 NOTE: If you cannot feel the pulse, press a little harder, being careful not to hurt the casualty.

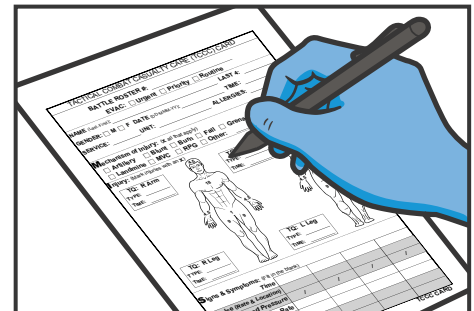
STEP 3 CAUTION: Be careful not to press too hard over the carotid artery, as this can cause the casualty to become lightheaded.



04 With a timing device, **COUNT** the beats of the pulse for 15 seconds.



05 **MULTIPLY** that number by four and you will have the casualty's pulse rate (in beats/minute).



06 **DOCUMENT** all findings and treatments on a DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.